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THE OLYMPIA GOLD MINE

Situated on Shoal Lake, Will be Most Vigorously Developed.

We are pleased to record the fact that arrangements are in progress by which the Olympia mine, situated in the very heart of our richest and most productive mining district, will soon be among the operating mines of this interesting section. (The Olympia has lately been examined and reported upon by most of the engineering and mining talent in this section, and also by some of the most eminently practical and experienced miners. Following is the result of an examination by Captain Jos. Hinks, of the Mikado mine: "I visited the Olympia last season and found a good strong vein 40 feet wide with a very good surface showing. This vein has a crosscut showing one wall well and clearly defined, development not having so far reached the other wall. Its dip is similar to the Mikado—immediately north—and its surface rock looks very similar to that of the No. 2 Mikado vein, which are not only changes its character and color in depth, but also becomes richer.

"There is no doubt in my mind that an ore body of such size when opened up by development would pay hand some ly.

"Results at present from reliable assays averaging \$5.30 in gold per short ton from the cross-cut on large vein, the lateral extent of which is at least a quarter of a mile, or 1,320 feet; and needless to say that a body of such dimensions that can be handled so economically must be regarded as a very good proposition indeed.

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vein well worthy of attention. It occurs between the two former veins, working towards the large vein. Upon this, a test pit to a depth of 10 feet, has been driven. Its ore is quite rich and shows free gold.

The geological formation in Olympia group M1 & S129 is similar to that at the Mikado mine in every important respect. The Mikado vein is much larger at 600 feet (vertically) than it was at surface or at any intermediate depth, which in itself a very encouraging feature."

Among the most interesting of the group of mines surrounding the Olympia, may be mentioned the Mikado, Tycoon, Bullion, Imperial, S103, Monarch, Gold Coin, Cornucopia and Cameron Island, all of which are partially developed with excellent results in gold at various depths.

Sulta: a Mine.

Following is the report of the manager of the Sulta for the week ending 9th Feb. The reason for the lat publication of such reports is that they are sent to the directors in London and there published. We take this from the London B.C. Review:

"I have to report stoping ore in progress in south workings. The average assay value of the quartz broken and sent to the mill during the week is \$9.08 gold per ton. South air shaft was sunk 9 feet during the week. Quartz in shaft bottom is from 18 to 34 inches wide, and carries assay values of \$20.67 gold per ton. No. 4 level was advanced 16 feet, encountering quartz stringers and formation favorable for the occurrence of ore.

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EAGLE LAKE DISTRICT.

Recent Rich Discoveries—Active Development Going On.

Notwithstanding the fact that the royal metal was discovered here during the work of construction of that section of the C.P.R., skirting the picturesque shores of Vermilion bay, an arm of Eagle lake, as long ago as the winter of 1881-2, yet it was not until the advent of the present century that any appreciable interest was displayed in its investigation or that anything definite in the way of practical results has been brought about. But before calling attention to the numerous discoveries and active development for gold now going on round this body of water, we will give a brief outline of how to reach this new eldorado, so long neglected or forgotten by the practical geologist, explorer and miner.

Eagle River crossing, the only outlet from the lake of that name, is about 233 miles west of Port Arthur, and 67 miles east of the town of Rat Portage—the distributing point for mining, lumbering and construction supplies on the main line of the C.P.R. This section of our great transcontinental highway was long known and, as a matter of fact, became historic in the way of heavy construction works, as "Section B," being that portion of the government work situated between the Winnipeg and Eagle rivers, a total distance of 68 miles, the contract extending to the Winnipeg river, about a mile west of the C.P.R. station at Rat Portage. It was during the work of getting bridge and other timber for the construction of engineering quarters at Vermilion bay, and the bridge at the Eagle River crossing, that a party so employed in a camp on Eagle lake, some 20 miles south of the track, made the first discovery of native gold, fine samples of which, in apparently float quartz, in granite formation, were shown to certain of the government engineers then employed on the C.P.R. works.

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ings, and a shaft on the main quartz vein to a depth of 65 feet, with some 90 feet of drifting from the first level. N. Higbee is the company's agent there. The ore of this claim give very satisfactory returns in gold from top to bottom.

In addition to the foregoing—owned chiefly at this end—there are several very promising claims owned by Port Arthur, Winnipeg and eastern people, but upon which no appreciable amount of work has been done.

WILL NOT PARTICIPATE.

Members of the Constabulary Not Included in the List of Patriotic Fund Beneficiaries.

Ottawa, March 17.—Those who have enlisted in the South African Constabulary will not participate in the Canadian patriotic fund. On this other hand, the members of the Canadian contingents who remained in South Africa in service in other corps, have not their invalidated claims upon the fund. This was decided at a meeting, on Saturday of the executive committee of the fund association held in the governor-general's office. The ground taken was that the Constabulary, being strictly a permanent Imperial organization, its members are not included among those for whose benefit the fund was raised.

WILL CARRY OUT THE CROP.

The Canadian Northern Will be Completed This Year, Mr. Wm. Mackenzie Says.

"The people of Manitoba are well satisfied with the railway agreement," said Mr. Mackenzie in Toronto. "The agitation we hear about is made to order. We are not throwing down the gauntlet to the C.P.R. We are simply going along, saying, 'woah.'"

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BOOMING NEW ONTARIO.

Banners Across the Streets and on the Street Cars of Toronto.

Toronto Star: The street cars are carrying the message of the New Ontario delegates now, a message which invites all to the Rossin house to view the exhibits from their fertile country, and across the corner of King and Yonge streets, above the hurrying, hurrying thousands, an immense streamer calls attention to New Ontario.

The speaking street cars, the flapping, flaunting streamer, are all tributes to the busy Booster Burk. D. F. Burk, who day and night, night and day, is laboring, developing plans to increase the population of that great country.

"This is the way we touch the hearts of the Toronto manufacturers," said Mr. Burk this morning. "We ask them this: 'You sell \$1,000,000 in goods to a population of 75,000 people; now if that population was \$300,000, what would you sell?'"

Armed with this question, the men from New Ontario, headed by the great and only Burk, visited many of the manufacturers of the city today and drew their attention to their home.

In New Ontario there is room for a million men owing 100 acres each.

FREDERICK VILLIERS

The Great War Correspondent Will Lecture in Hilliard Opera House March 30.

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every description, but if the popular want is to be supplied the largest percent. will be expended upon works of fiction. The statements of city librarians prove conclusively that the reading public are above everything else, novel readers. The great books, the books of science and research; the books of philosophy and truth; the historical and biographical are almost totally ignored. The well read person of today is the person who reads every new novel that comes out. He is consequently a reader of a great deal of trash for the great body of modern novelists are giving to the world a vast amount of plot, blood and thunder, and sickening die away love. Their books, despite all the eulogiums of flattering critics and the favorable notices of the press, cannot compare with the great masterpieces of fiction produced in the early years of the last century. That their work should be so eagerly seized speaks but poorly for the intelligence of readers in this age. A man, properly speaking, will be well read only when he has fairly mastered the great books. When the splendors of Shakespeare and Milton have surged through his soul, when the cords of his heart have been swept by the master hand of the plowboy poet and the melodies of Tennyson have made music in his heart, when Scott and Dickens and Thackeray and Eliot and Hugo have fed his imagination and broadened his vision with their poetic prose, when Carlyle and Ruskin and Emerson have lifted his thoughts above the mean, the paltry and the base, when Farlar and Drummond and Blackie have touched him with their thoughts of higher things, then, and then only, has he in any way the right to be called a reader.

All the writers are well known names, but of their works very few have any knowledge whatever.

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The following gentlemen were elected directors to serve three years: Messrs. Thompson, Nicholson, Eargrey and Belyea, and G. C. Frisbie to serve one year.

KNOCKED OUT.

JAMES HAMMOND KILLED

A Well-known Pioneer and Prospector Loses his Life Unloading Machinery.

We have just received intelligence of the accidental death of James Hammond, a well-known pioneer and prospector, at Bonheur, while superintending the transportation of mining machinery to the scene of one of his latest enterprises.

The late Mr. Hammond came to Prince Arthur's Landing, when that embryo city was but a hamlet (1879) and his career for at least a quarter of a century, between Port Arthur and Fort William has been conspicuous for energetic, intelligent and successful enterprise. Since moving to Fort William west, Mr. Hammond has been into lumbering, railroading and, but not least, in prospecting and active mining.

In his later ventures Mr. Hammond was associated with the Folger Bros., of Kingston, Ontario, both in iron, copper, silver and gold. These enterprises extended over a period of 12 years and covered an area of many thousand square miles. It was in the upper reaches and expansions of La Selva River, called Sawbill Lake, where his last and best known mining enterprise was located, viz., the Hammond Reef. Needless to say the untimely death of Mr. Hammond will be deeply regretted all over the district.

THE ELECTRIC LIGHT QUESTION.

The legislature has refused consideration of the amendment to the special act being obtained by the town to legalize the tax rolls. This amendment was to empower the town to take over the electric light plant if the approval of the ratepayers was secured. Owing to certain formalities not having been complied with, the standing orders committee refused to send it before the house.

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Warehouse at Rat Portage.

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MARVELLOUSLY RICH GOLD QUARTZ now displayed in the Partington Supply Co.'s store on Second St., was obtained.

Next comes the Bruce-Prendeville claim, close to the Eagle company, another island with three veins upon which small shallow pits have been sunk, assays of their quartz giving very encouraging results.

Although having but an area of twenty-five acres, the Yiking island is one of the most attractive of the partially developed claims on Eagle lake. It is traversed by three well defined quartz veins, upon two of which test pits varying in depth from 5 to 13 feet, have been driven, and from the ores of which by a series of assays and by pen and mortar amalgamation excellent results in fine and coarse gold resulted; while other veins intersecting the two main ones show well visible gold at surface.

There is a snug camp constructed upon the Yiking claim, as also upon the "Eagle Co.'s," and on others referred to.

Within two miles of the latter claim is the El Dorado camp of Gathensbury & Co. This claim is upon a peninsula. They have here a Frazer & Chalmers 2-stamp mill. Their large quartz vein occurs in a bluff of some elevation and is worked by open cut. The vein is over 7 feet wide and of highly auriferous quartz.

Another claim deserving of special mention, but upon which little work has been done, is that of S47, some two miles south from the Partington bonanza, but upon the main land. The S47 has an area of 80 acres, has a massive deposit of auriferous quartz measuring nearly 200 feet wide, that for a large body of ore gives really phenomenal results in gold.

Arrangements are being perfected to operate most, if not all, of the foregoing claims this spring, while, as a matter of fact, two of them, including the "Eagle Co.," have a full force of miners at work. The prevailing formation here is that of the prograde and coarse gray granite with intrinsic traps and some bands of red granite. The vein characteristics everywhere partake of the fissure series, cutting directly across the formation, with, for the most part, very well defined walls.

Work at the Eagle Lake Co.'s mine consists of a good camp and outbuild-

sheds, simply going along, sawed wood.

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Directing attention to missions Dr. Mackay said it was the field in which enthusiasm could most worthily display itself. The work of evangelization was the greatest of all enterprises. The Leader under whom we served was One of whom men need never be ashamed. They might call the roll of great men from the whole past and Jesus would be found above them all. This work brought us into fellowship also with many humble heroes, men and women of dauntless courage and great self-denial, of whom the world was not worthy. He emphasized also the pressing need of the world. The spiritual destitution of the heathen was very great. It was indeed appalling. Success too of unprecedented measure had been attained in missions. No other enterprise could boast of such progress. In the last century more people had been brought to the knowledge of Christ than in the 18 centuries previous of the Christian Era. The rapid advance had been the embarrassment of missionary societies. That this labor offered the richest rewards was an additional reason for enthusiasm, reward in this life, the satisfaction of good done, and reward in the life to come. The speaker closed with an earnest appeal for deeper interest in missions in general, and in particular for sympathy and co-operation in the work inaugurated among the Indians of the Lake of the Woods district.

Dr. Mackay left Monday morning for Shoal Lake and the Northwest Angle in company with the missionary, Rev. A. G. McKittrick. He preaches Thursday evening at Mikado, and leaves here Saturday morning for Winnipeg.

The steamer Balmoral which has been anchored out in the bay during the winter sank on Tuesday night.

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A Strange Case.

Vienna, March 17.—A sensational arrest was made here yesterday. Herr Vogl, the proprietor of the largest exchange office on the Graben, was taken into custody on the charge of having poisoned in April, 1900, a rich Russian named Taubin, who was supposed to have bequeathed his property to Vogl, who has since enjoyed it. The circumstances of the case are as follows: Taubin, who was a Jew miser and drunkard, lived in a squalid manner. One night a policeman took him home drunk and bleeding. A doctor who was summoned, told Taubin's old charwoman to bring his friends as he was dying. She brought Vogl, whom she knew as an acquaintance, of Taubin. Vogl took a lawyer and a clerk with him to the miser's house. Upon arriving at the bedside the dying man, it is stated, recovered sufficiently to say that all his possessions should go to Vogl, after which he died immediately. The bequest thus ostensibly made in the presence of witnesses was legally regular and Vogl inherited property to the value of \$200,000. Taubin's body was cremated. His Russian relatives subsequently represented to the police that Vogl poisoned him, and they also declare that Vogl is a ventriloquist, and himself spoke the words bequeathing the property to himself when Taubin was already dead.

Books and Readers of Books.

Carnegie's numerous gifts to various Canadian and American cities for the establishment of city libraries and the eagerness and thankfulness with which they were received are but another evidence of the power and importance of books.

The vast sums which Mr. Carnegie has given will of course be sufficient to provide the most excellent books of

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KNOCKED OUT.

Following is a copy of the amendment to the tax bill which failed to get the approval of the standing order committee of the legislature.

"In case a by-law is passed with the assent of the ratepayers declaring that it is expedient in the interests of the town of Rat Portage to acquire the works of the Citizens' Telephone & Electric Light Company of the town of Rat Portage, so far as the same are necessary or desirable for the operation of an electric light, heat and power system in the town of Rat Portage, the corporation of the town of Rat Portage, may thereupon forthwith by its officers take possession of the works of the company and all property used in connection therewith for the purpose of supplying electric light, heat and power whether the works and property or any of them are within or without the municipality and shall pay therefor at a valuation to be determined by arbitration in accordance with the provision of "The Municipal Act" and amendments thereto.

"2. For the purposes aforesaid the corporation may exercise all the powers set forth in R. S. O., chapter 193, in the same manner as though they were acquiring a gas or water works undertaking.

Developing the Gordon Property.

Jas. Gordon has commenced operations on the Gordon property, adjoining the Champion mine, about six miles from town. It is likely that work will be continued throughout the season.

The Reward is Coming.

Hamilton Post: If ever a district was properly booned, New Ontario is now receiving that favor at the hands of the delegation that has taken possession of Toronto. These men have implicit faith in the value of advertising, and they will have their reward.

The Game of Skat.

An illustrated treatise on this popular German game has been issued by the Passenger Department of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y. The rules of the game revised to bring them up to date are given, and those interested in Skat will find it an instructive publication. A copy may be obtained by sending ten (10) cents in postage to F.A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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We understand that the town has been advised by eminent counsel that there is nothing in the by-laws or agreements to prevent them from proceeding to take over the plant of the company as provided by the Council Act. It seems the only completed by-law that concerns the contract has a clause in it reserving to the council the right to rescind it if they see fit.

The further negotiations between the council and the company will be conducted under the provisions of the Council Act, as was the original intention of the council, and as if no special powers had been applied for. This will take much more time, and as time cures many misunderstandings it will do so in this case, and the council and the company will yet reach an equitable settlement.

Archbishop McRae, of Winnipeg, will be here on Sunday next to officiate at St. Albans church when the members confirmation class, which has been preparing under Rev. Mr. Page, will be confirmed at the morning service. In the evening the Boy's Brigade will parade in a body to the church.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The catch of fish in Ontario last year was 25,147,191 pounds, as compared with 27,034,283 in 1899. The diminution was chiefly in whitefish, herring, trout, pickerel, and pike. There has been a considerable growth in the bass and lake trout industry, Lake Nipissing showing a catch last year of 15,141 pounds. Lake Erie leads in herring, Lake Huron in trout and whitefish, and Lake Ontario in catfish; perch and other coarse varieties.

Secretary Irwin Mahon of the International Mining Congress, advises us that the state legislature of Idaho has passed a bill and the Governor has signed the same, appropriating \$5,000 for the benefit of the congress which will be held in Boise City July 23, 24 and 25th next. It is likely several representative mining men from this district will attend the Congress and take part in the discussions.

Governor Odell of New York State confesses that he sees no means by which the Legislature can get over the fact that the port of New York is several hundred miles further from Liverpool than Montreal. His logical conclusion is that there is no use in discussing the enlargement of the Erie Canal as a competitor with the canals of this favored Dominion.—Globe.

Mr. Dyke, of Liverpool says that many of the English volunteers who have returned intend coming to Canada to settle. They are described as much above the average and many of them have money to start farming. Evidently our fellows did good missionary work as well as fighting.

THE QUEEN'S FAVORITE.

It is said that of all the panegyrics and tributes in prose or verse ever written of Queen Victoria, the one that pleased her most was the following quaint little poem of four stanzas, entitled "She noddit to me," which originally appeared anonymously in an obscure Scottish newspaper:

"I'm but an auld body
Livin' up in Doveside
In a two-roomed bit hoosie
Wi' a tootie beside;
Wi' my coo an' my grumpy
I'm as happy's a bee,

A FAMOUS BEAUTY'S RESCUE

Emily Marshall's Walk Over a Human Bridge at Niagara.

Writing of "The Loveliest Woman in All America," William Perrine, in The Ladies' Home Journal, recalls the thrilling adventure of Emily Marshall, the famous Boston beauty, at Niagara Falls. She, with Nathaniel P. Willis and a young, ungainly college student, Job Smith, attempted to go under the falls. In those days a perilous undertaking. After they had proceeded a short distance under the sheet of water there was a rumbling noise and a commotion, and a part of the ledge which formed the path disappeared, cutting Miss Marshall off from her companions by an abyss six feet in width and leaving her but a small stone in the swirling torments to stand upon.

In the commotion Job had been forgotten, but instantly a ray of hope shot into Willis' heart when he saw the rugged features, his sandy hair plastered over his forehead, his scanty dress clinging to his form like skin and his hand trembling on the poet's shoulder as he ascended his steps. Without saying what he intended to do he crept down carefully to the edge of the foaming abyss till he stood up to his knees in the breaking bubbles. It seemed impossible that he could reach the lovely creature or that she could jump forward safely from the slippery rock in to his arms.

"Willis covered his eyes in fear and wonder. The next moment when he opened them there lay at his feet the quivering and exhausted girl. Job was nearly seven feet high. He had flung himself over the gulf, caught the rock with his fingers and with certain death if he missed his hold. Miss Marshall had quickly walked over his body in its bridge-like posture. At this moment the guide returned with a rope, fastened it around one of Job's feet and dragged him back through the whirlpool. When he recovered from the immersion, he fell on his knees in a prayer of thanks to God, in which the poet and the beauty devoutly joined him."

HE ASPIRED TO OFFICE.

And He Will Never Forget His First Lesson in Politics.

One Detroit who hopes some day to be elected to the legislature jollies the reporters by saying that he used to be a member of the craft. One of them, who prefers evidence to bare assertion, asked the political aspirant all about it and extorted this reluctant explanation:

"Well, just between you and me, it was this way: My father ran a weekly paper down in Indiana, and it was the party organ in the county. When I got home from college, I made up my mind that I was about ripe to be the clerk of courts. The old gentleman told me that I was pretty raw; but he agreed to be my strategy board and said he reckoned he could pull me through if I'd obey orders and make no moves on my own responsibility. I can see now that he was a great general, but you know how heady a young fellow is before the world has bumped him a few times.

"So I put up what I thought was a great scheme and kept it from the governor. The truth is that I thought him just a little slow for my class. The man against me on the opposition ticket lived in another town, and we had

HE WORKED DESTRUCTION

A Sample of What a Fairly Healthy Cockatoo Can Do.

A light chain securely fastened on the cockatoo's leg promised safety, but he contrived to get within reach of my new curtains and rapidly destroyed some half yard or so of a hand painted border, which was the pride of my heart. Then came an interval of calm and exemplary behavior which lulled me into a false security. Cockie seemed to have but one object in life, which was to pull out all his own feathers and by evening the dining room offered as though a white fowl had been plucked in it.

I consulted a bird doctor, but a Cockie's health was perfectly good and his lister all that could be recommended. It was supposed he only plucked himself for want of occupation, and firewood was recommended as a substitute. This answered very well, and he spent his leisure in gnawing sticks of deal, only when no one charged to be in the room he used to unfasten the swivel of his chain, leave it dangling on the stand and descend in search of his playthings. When the fire had not been lighted, I often found half the coals pulled out of the grate and the firewood in splinters. At last, with warmer weather, both coals and wood were removed, so the next time Master Cockie found himself short of a job he set to work on the dining room chairs first pulled out all their bright nails and next tore holes in the leather dragged the stuffing.

At one time he went on a visit for some weeks and ate up everything within his reach in that friendly establishment. His "bag" for one afternoon consisted of a venerable fern and a large palm, some library books, newspapers, a pack of cards and an arm chair. And yet every one adores him, and he is the spoiled child of more than one family.

Life on the Rail

Mr. Geo. Cummings, Barrie, Ont., one of the best known engineers on the G. T. R., writes: "For years I suffered from kidney disease brought on by railroad life. The doctors called it 'railroad kidney,' but could give me no permanent relief. A friend recommended Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, saying they had cured him. A few boxes of this grand medicine completely cured me, putting an end to the dreadful pains in the back and greatly strengthening the kidneys. I am well man to-day, thanks to Dr. Chase. One pill a dose, 25 cents a box."

Boys' Feud Ends in Murder.

Chicago, March 13.—Murder ended a boys' feud last night under the shadow of St. Stanislaus church at Noble and Bradley streets. Fifteen-year-old Thomas Laczowski was shot through the heart by a life long playmate, Frank Winiwiski. A moment before the shooting Father Balczinski, priest of the church, had been seen in the hallway in the act of loading a revolver. "Stop," cried the priest, "Stop! I command you!" While the priest in his flowing robes ran toward Winiwiski's imploring with uplifted hands, for peace the boys fired. Half a hundred boys and girls also witnessed the tragedy and saw the murderer escape, which he did by flourishing his smoking pistol freely and keeping the crowd at bay. The tragedy occurred at the close of a school day. Police Officer Broderick told

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THEY WERE ALL SCARED.

A Case of Highway Robbery With a Peculiar Ending.

What the hero of this story kicks about is the fact that his wife forgot her sacred word never to say anything regarding it. His business keeps him out late, and he frequently carries considerable money. When footpads are reported in evidence, he goes as soon as he can by street car and then takes the best lighted route to his house.

One night he had reached the front of his own place and had just drawn a long sigh of relief when the order "Hands up!" startled him into compliance. One man held a gun in the immediate neighborhood of his ear and another systematically robbed him of everything worth carrying off. The order then was that he walk around the block so as to defer the use of his telephone, and it was clearly stated that any attempt to turn back, run or call for help would result in his being assassinated.

Before he reached the corner it struck him that the voice of one of the men sounded familiar and then that his own was a near neighbor, events given to practical joking. Back he went on tiptoes, his revolver in his right hand, and surprised the footpads as they were dividing the spoils. He made them lay everything on the walk, and when they straightened up awaiting the next order he discovered that

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RAINY RIVER FREE GRANT LANDS

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It is officially announced that sixty thousand acres of the free grant, land in the Rainy river district have been surveyed and are now available for settlement.

The general provisions of the free Grants and Homesteads Act apply also to free grants in the Rainy river district, which will soon be traversed by the Canadian Northern railway, with these differences:

The limit of a Rainy river free grant is 100 acres. The male head of the family or the sole female head of a family having a child or children under eighteen residing with him or her may locate for 100 acres, and may also purchase an additional 80 acres at \$1 an acre.

The settlement duties are: (1) To have at least fifteen acres cleared and had under cultivation, of which two acres at least are to be cleared and cultivated annually during the three years; (2) To have built habitable house, at least 15 by 20 feet in size; (3) And to have actually and continuously resided upon and cultivated the land for three years after location.

A locatee who purchases an additional 80 acres must, within three years, clear fifteen acres and cultivate the same. Patents may issue at the expiration of three years from the date of purchase, inasmuch as the settlement duties have been performed. Pine trees and minerals are reserved from the sale. The locatee may cut and use such pine trees as he requires for building fencing and fuel on his land, and may also cut and dispose of any pine required to be removed in the process of clearing, but he must pay timber dues on pine so disposed of. Trees remaining on the land at the time the patent issues pass to the locatee.

The following townships are now open for location under the Rainy River Free Grants and Homesteads Act: Curran, Atwood, Blue, Wardsington, Nelles, Carpenter, Dikie, Pattison, Morley, S. of Morley, Telfer, Peniston, Rosworthy, Barwick, Lash, Aylsworth, Devlin, Woodcraft, Crozier, Roddick, Dobbie.

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A FAST BALL PLAYER

HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE PLAYED
WITH THE ROARERS.

Steve Speed, Who Could Beat His Own Thrown to First and Who Could Get Behind the Plate in Time to Catch His Own Pitching.

"The fastest base runner I ever saw," said the fat ex-mascot of the Lightfoot Lilies in comparing baseball of the present with that of the old days, "was little Sammie Salmon of the Lilies. But the fastest base runner I ever heard of was, or wasn't, as the case may have been, Steve Speed, who played, or did not play, I don't know which, with the Ringtail Roarers. At any rate, whether he ever played with the Roarers or not, he was certainly the fastest that ever came over the crossways. You don't understand? Well, I'll tell you all about him.

"One afternoon about a month before the last game we ever played with the Ringtail Roarers the boys were all sitting round in the postoffice discussing our chances for the big contest. Captain Sluggers Burrows, who was over in the County riding the ball news in a Jones County Courier that had accidentally slipped its wrapper before delivery, suddenly he clutched the paper tightly and sprang to his feet. For heaven's sake, boys, listen to this: 'We have it from a high source,' he began to read breathlessly, 'that the Roarers have unearthed a phenomenal base runner, with whose services they feel confident of wresting the Jones county laurels from the erstwhile invincible Lightfoot Lilies. The newcomer's name is Steve Speed. His extraordinary ability was first discovered while he was in the box one day last week. He stopped an easy grounder and tossed it over to first to catch the runner. The ball had no sooner left his hand than, to his horror, he discovered that first was uncovered. Without a moment's hesitation he made a dive for the bag and succeeded in reaching it just in time to catch the ball that he had thrown but an instant before, thereby scoring a put out and an assist unassisted.'

"Boys," said the Sluggers, crumpling the paper savagely in his fists, "to lily park with you. Practice begins at once. Bustle!"

"Well, sir, that week we practiced in the morning the boys would all go down to the station and race the train as they steamed out of town. After noon they'd wash up a bit and just indulge in short sprints paced by the town trolley car. At night the drill practice would conclude with a brisk cross country run around the township. The work began to show. At the end of the week we began to have some hopes of beating the Roarers after all. And then came a second copy of the Courier knocking our hopes higher than taxes.

"The wonderful baseball feat performed by Steve Speed," the article said, "which was published exclusively by The Jones County Courier, has been eclipsed by an even more astonishing performance by the same player. We have it from the same high source from which we obtained our former news, that Speed has now become so proficient in running that he is able to pitch the ball from the box and by an incredibly quick start reach the plate in time to catch the ball behind the

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Wheels Money in a Barrow.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 17.—An old man came (telling into town yesterday pushing a wheelbarrow. He stopped in front of the Salt Springs Bank, took two large satchels from the barrow, and went in. Approaching the receiving window, he began to produce pocket-books. He took one from his hat, up it from his boots, a third from his pocket, a fourth from the heavy collar of his long tattered overcoat and from others from inner pockets and lining of his many coats. He emptied them of money, which he gave to the clerk to count. Then he gathered it all up in his hat and retreated to a corner of the room, where he remained for two hours, fondling the bills and coins, and accumulating them. Finally he appeared at the window again and handed the pile in with a sigh.

Taking his two old satchels on his

SAVED HIS POSITION.

QUICK WIT LANDED HIM SAFELY OUT
OF A TIGHT PLACE.

How a Clerk Worked Up an Excuse That Was Gladly Accepted by His Employer, to Whom He Had Shown Gross Inevitability.

"It's mighty hard for a clerk to be naive and polite all the time," said a department manager in one of the big stores. "A clerk is like any other human being, subject to headaches and indigestion and fits of irritability, and occasionally he will be a little gruff without intending it. When I was younger, a few thoughtless words once came near losing me a good job, and the way I escaped being fired was rather amusing. It happened like this: 'I had charge of the men's furnishings counter in a large clothing store, and the pay being first rate and chance of promotion excellent I was naturally anxious to hold on to the job. One morning, however, I was feeling all out of sorts and was just developing an ugly headache, when a man came in and asked to see some cravats.

"I could tell from his general appearance he was from the north, and he had a curt, semisapientious manner that irritated me immediately. If I had been feeling well, I would have kept my temper, but my head was throbbing, and when he pawed over the stock, finding fault with everything and sneering at my statements as to quality I began to get crusty.

"Finally I couldn't stand it any longer. 'If you really want a scarf,' I said, 'you'll find plenty here that, I dare say, are as good as anything you've been accustomed to wear.' Just then I happened to look up and caught sight of a floorwalker standing in a rear aisle and making frantic gestures to me with his hands.

"If you'll wait a moment," I said to the customer, wondering what the dickens was up. 'I'll see if I can find something else at the other side.' With that I hurried over to where the floorwalker was standing. 'What's the matter?' I asked in a low tone.

"Great Scott, man," he whispered, "that's the boss!"

"The store, as I should have explained, was the southern branch of a New York establishment, and during the time I had been there the head of the firm had never before paid it a visit in person. Consequently I didn't know him by sight, and my blood ran cold when I realized how hopelessly I had rammed my foot into it. During the next five seconds I did some quick thinking, and among other things that came crowding into my mind was the fact that the boss had been married on a very short time before. That gave me an idea.

"I'm going back," I whispered to the floorwalker, and in a minute or two you send one of the boys to me with a piece of folded letter paper.

"What are you up to?" he asked.

"Never mind," said I. "You do exactly as I say. Let him just band the paper and walk off. I hurried back to the counter and found my man looking black as thunder. 'Sorry,' I said, still as gruff as ever, 'but that's all we have. If nothing in it suits you, you'll have to go elsewhere.

"Very well," he replied sarcastically, "and now let me give you a small piece of information."

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Wheels' Money in a Barrow.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 17.—An old man came toddling into town yesterday pushing a wheelbarrow. He stopped in front of the St. Sparks Bank, took two large satchels from the barrow, and went in. Approaching the receiving window, he began to produce pocket-books. He took one from his hat, an other from his boots, a third from his pocket, a fourth from the heavy collar of his long tattered overcoat and four others from inner pockets and flung of his many coats. He emptied them of money, which he gave to the clerk to count. Then he gathered it all up in his hat and retreated to a corner of the room, where he counted the two notes, four gold bills, and coins, and accounting them.

Finally he appeared at the window again and handed the pile in with a sigh. Taking his two old satchels on his shoulders, the queer old man went into the Broadway Coney Savings Bank and deposited the money, except that this time he took the money from one of the satchels. Thus he went to every bank in the city, depositing what appeared to be a large sum at each one. It was late in the afternoon when he finished, and started back trundling his empty barrow.

At the bank the old man is known as Geo. W. Todd. For the last 30 years he has made one trip a year to Syracuse to deposit his money, and in all that time has given no other information concerning himself. A Syracuse bank official, pressing Mr. Todd to give his place of residence, was told that he lived at "Four Corners, Canada." All the money he deposits is Canadian, and it is believed that he walks here from Canada.

Mr. Todd is a picturesque figure. He is apparently about 80 years old, tall and gaunt, with long white hair falling over the collar of an overcoat which he has worn since his first appearance here. The coat is held together at the top with a large brass button, pin, and his heavy trousers are stitched together on the outside with twine. He wears immense, heavy felt boot legs and felt overshoes.

He has many thousands of dollars in the Syracuse banks.

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person. Consequently I didn't know him by sight, and my blood ran cold when I realized how hopelessly I had rammed my foot into it. During the next five seconds I did some quick thinking, and among other things that came crowding into my mind was the fact that the boss had been married on a hot short time before. That gave me an idea.

"I'm going back," I whispered to the floorwalker, "and in a minute or two you send one of the boys to me with a piece of folded letter paper."

"What are you up to?" he asked. "Never mind," said I. "You do exactly as I say. Let him just hand me the paper and walk off. I hurried back to the counter and found my man looking black as thunder. 'Sorry,' I said, still as stiff as ever, 'but that's all we have. If nothing in it suits you, you'll have to go elsewhere.'"

"Very well," he replied sarcastically, "and how let me give you a small piece of information."

"At that moment a boy handed me the paper. I tore it open, pretended to read a note, slapped my leg joyfully and proceeded to do a double shuffle on the floor. The stranger glared at me in amazement. 'What the deuce is the matter with you?' he growled. 'Are you crazy or just drunk?'"

"Neither," I cried. "I am simply relieved, inexpressibly relieved and rejoiced! You must pardon this idiotic exhibition, my dear sir. I went on earnestly, and I hope you will also pardon my gross rudeness to you a moment ago. I was beside myself with anxiety and didn't know what I was doing. The fact is," I said, with the best imitation of diffidence I could muster up, "the fact is, we have just had a new arrival out at my house. It's a boy, sir, and everything's all right. And really I hope you will overlook."

"Don't say a word," he interrupted, cordially grasping by hand. "I appreciate your feelings, and your apology is ample. Here's my card."

"So that was the way I got out of it," added the department manager, grinning, "but it was a close shave, especially in view of the fact that I was, and am a case-hardened old bachelor, with a special aversion to infants. The boss was very kind and cordial, and whenever he came to town afterward he never failed to ask how the youngster was getting on. He doesn't know any better to this day."

Boston's Slave Market.

In the old colonial days Boston had an "intelligence office," which was also a slave market, as appears from a notice published in February, 1770. "The intelligence office opposite the Golden Ball, lately kept by Benjamin Leigh, is now kept by Grant Webster. There is to be sold at said office West India and New England rum, wines of several sorts, male and female negroes, several secondhand chairs," etc.

Too Long to Wait.

"I disown you," cried the angry parent. "I shall cut you off with a shilling!" "Yes, sir," replied the erring son. "And might I have the shilling now?" "Stray Strays."

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THE Canadian Northern Railway Company will apply to have added to its Bill before the Parliament of Canada, at the present session, the necessary provisions conferring a contract dated 11th February, 1901, made between the Company and the Government of Manitoba, relating to the lease of certain railways in Manitoba now being operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company, and providing for the carrying out of such contract and relating to the guarantee by the said Government of certain bonds of the Company, and to other matters and providing for the acquisition of said railways for the consideration in said lease mentioned.

Dated March 7th, 1901. J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

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Local Interest

Jack Wood is confined to his home suffering from a bad cold.

Rev. R. Nairn delivered a lecture at the Mikado mine Monday night.

The Sisters of Mercy from Winnipeg collected \$1,000 in the lumber and tin camps around Fort Frances for the benefit of an infirmity hospital in Winnipeg.

The Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, now in its 25th year, will celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the order on July 23rd at Buffalo. The day has been set apart by the Pan-American as C.M.B.A. day. The order is in a flourishing condition.

A movement is on foot to establish a large pulp factory on the Pacific coast somewhere on the mainland, opposite Queen Charlotte Sound. The people interested are mostly in Toronto, and some are connected with the Toronto Type Foundry Company. The mill proposed an investment of \$250,000 and would have a capacity of 100,000 tons of pulp per day.

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Mr. Brind-nback came in from the Sirdar Tuesday.

Miss M. Cochrane, of the Hudson Bay stores, left for her home in Owen Sound last evening.

Mrs. A.S. Horswill returned home after her week's visit with her parents in Selkirk.

Mr. Frisby American Consul entertained a number of friends to a class party on Tuesday night.

Rod. McRitchie has returned from his tie camp up the river.

Mr. Michie, of Wabigoon, is in town. Ernest S. Harrison, of Winnipeg, was in town Thursday.

T. B. Devaney, western representative of W. R. Brock, is in town.

Harry Davidson, of Toronto, is registered at the Hilliard house.

J. McKay and T. Manning, of the Mikado, are in town.

Thos. Brady, of Boston, is registered at the Hilliard house.

W. Edwards and C. Peterson, of the Strathcona House, who have been visiting their friends here for the past week, left for Cranbrook yesterday.

J. M. Kains, formerly of the Imperial bank in London and lately accountant of the bank at Edmonton, has been promoted to the management of the Strathcona branch.

Dr. Chapman received word on Sunday of the death of his father in Toronto. The doctor was called home last Christmas on account of the serious illness of his father, and spent some time in consultation with other doctors, but little hope was entertained of his recovery. The end came suddenly, however, the immediate cause of death being heart failure. The late Benjamin Chapman was for many years a jeweller on Yonge street, and was well known in the Queen city. He was 66 years of age.

Norman News.

Last Saturday Jim Watson's house narrowly escaped burning down. The roof was burned and the place only saved after a great deal of trouble.

Mr. Teevin has been hid up with a gripper.

On Tuesday evening the Presbyterians held a prayer social at the residence of Mrs. Talbot. It was a most successful affair in every way. Over 100 enjoyed themselves at various games and amusements among which was one "The floral wedding," consisting of a series of questions relative to marriage and to be answered with names of flowers. Mrs. Wilson secured 1st prize, while Mr. Wilson captured the booby prize. The choir rendered two selections, and Mr. Wilson as well as Miss H. Kay sang. At the close of the evening refreshments were served as only Norman ladies can serve them.

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THE MINER INVINCIBLES.

Miner Sports Defeat the
News Staff by a Score
of 6 to 2.

THE long looked for hockey match between the teams representing THE MINER and the NEWS was over and THE MINER boys are certainly proud of their glorious victory. It was one of the most exciting, as well as interesting games of the season. As the losing team was to pay for the oysters all players exerted themselves to the full extent and although the ice was a little slippery for some, the game was fast and most decidedly furious. The only unfortunate thing that occurred during the evening was that a half time Morrison, of THE MINER, collided with the referee and fell on the ice. He went into the dressing room and found that his nose was broken. During the second half there were only six men a side.

The teams lined up as follows:

Miner.	News.
Mullin	Goal.
Miller	Point.
Tomlin	Cover Point.
W. Partington	Johnston
Johnson	Chapman
Shaw	Dillingham
Partington	Forwards
	Stepenson
	Campbell

After the face off the puck travelled down towards the News' goal, Johnson relieved and some control play followed. Then Partington secured and passed to Morrison who succeeded in putting a shot which Davis failed to stop. (Time 2 min.)

The next game followed for THE MINER. After about three minutes a scrimmage occurred in front of the News' goal and the puck was sent out. Rose made a shot and the puck ended in the net.

The next game was considerably longer than the previous 2 games. Sides and tumbles occurring frequently. Pender, of THE MINER, was allowed to take a rest for a couple of minutes. Shortly before half-time Partington sent in another zizz-zazz shot and brought the score up to 3 goals.

The score at half time stood 3-0 for THE MINER.

After play was resumed the puck was kept towards the News' goal pretty well but the splendid work of the defence saved THE MINER braves from scoring. Till Shaw made a bold dash and succeeded in landing the rubber in the net. Score 1-0.

After this the play was more even. The News forwards made some good rushes, and Mullin, that master piece

NEWS OF THE WORLD

Items of Interest From All
Over the World.

London, March 19.—For the first time in the history of the stocks, Grand Trunk stock today crossed the C.P.R., the former selling at 91 1/2, against 93 7/8 for the latter.

Prince Christian Victor, the Queen's grandson, who died of enteric fever in Pretoria, left a personality valued at only \$305. He had only \$2,500 allowance outside of his army pay, but by great prudence kept out of debt.

Two mining men fought a duel with knives in the public streets of San Bernardino, Cal., until one was fatally wounded.

Russia has backed down on the Manchuria convention, but still holds the railway siding at Tien Tsin, despite British protests.

The status of the Transvaal in United States government circles will be officially settled when a consul-general to Pretoria is appointed.

The Manitoba government intend to transform the Portage la Prairie jail into a reformatory for boys. The bill has received its second reading.

Cape Town, March 21.—J. P. Minner, S. Minner and J. A. Nodwoudt were shot at De Aar yesterday evening for treason and murder, in pursuance of the sentence of a court martial.

Penitentiary convicts at Leavenworth, Kansas, continued in a minor and held twenty-five guards as hostages, demanding better food and less work. They finally surrendered.

With King Edward's special permission, a delegation of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, including Gen. Laurie and Col. Johnson, visited the mausoleum at Frogmore on 17th of March, and laid a beautiful Celtic cross of oak leaves and lilies upon the tomb of Queen Victoria, in memory of S. Patrick and of Queen Victoria's command a year ago to the Irish soldiers to wear shamrocks.

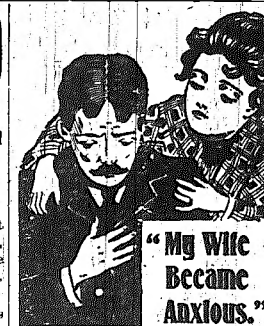
The Dorcas Society will meet next week at the home of Mrs. C. E. Blyden.

Electric Light Question.

Rat Portage, Ont.,
March 21st, 1901.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir:—In reference to this vexed question of our town purchasing the Citizens' Telephone & Electric Light Company's plant, I desire to place before some of our townsmen a few comparative figures, which I think should convince the most sceptical, of the desirability of purchasing, not only as an investment for the benefit of the town



There is cause for anxiety when a cough hangs on for a year and can't be shaken off. The quickest way to relieve that anxiety is to begin at once the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is a cough remedy, but it is also a great deal more. In far advanced stages of disease, when hemorrhages have been frequent, and there have been emaciation and weakness, "Golden Medical Discovery" has produced a perfect cure. It increases the supply of the life fluid—blood. It cleanses the blood from impurities, and sends a current of rich, new blood to build up the weak places in the body with new life.

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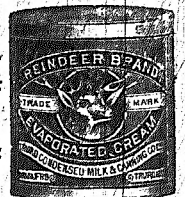
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The Methodist Ladies Aid met Wednesday at the home of Mrs. McKersie. Mrs. T. McCulloch is just recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

G. Bryant and family are moving into the adjacent house, which they are thoroughly renovating and which they expect to occupy the beginning of next week.

The Legislature.

Brackville Recorder: Perhaps it has not been noticed, but it is true nevertheless, that up to the present every man who has spoken on the government side is, or has been, in journalism. The premier is an ex-editor, Mr. Russell, of East Hastings, till recently conducted the Deseronto Tribune; Messrs. Stratton, Pattullo, Aud, Pettipiece, Preston, and Graham are still at the everlasting grind.

DROVE HIM TO HIS DEATH.

Lumber Camp Foreman Responsible For Fate of Man Frozen in the Woods.
Sainte Marie, March 19.—Coroner Gibson and a jury have concluded that Arthur Little, whose dead body was found on March 8th, was driven to death, and that Allan Macklin, the foreman who compelled him to leave the lumber camp in a heavy snowstorm, was personally responsible for his death. Macklin has escaped across the line, but, if captured, will be extradited.

The next game was considerably longer than the previous 2 games, off-sides and tumbles occurring frequently. Pender, of THE MINER, was allowed to take a rest for a couple of minutes. Shortly before half-time Partington sent in another razzle-dazzle shot and brought the score up to 3 cages.

The score at half-time stood 4-0 for THE MINER.

After play was resumed the puck was kept towards the News' goal pretty well but the splendid work of the defence saved THE MINER bravos from scoring till Shaw made a bold rush and succeeded in landing the rubber in the net. Score 1-0.

After this the play was more even. The News forwards made some good rushes, and Mullin, that masterpiece of good-filling, was proof against some hot shots. Rose blossomed out for heavy checking, and Johnson succeeded in tallying the first goal for the Newsboys.

Then another game followed for THE MINER. W. Partington again doing the trick. Score 5-1.

After some play an off-side was made in THE MINER's goal and all the opposing forward line had a hand in helping to score. Score 5-2.

The last game came to THE MINER and completed a most glorious victory making the score 6-2.

For the News: Chapman, Johnson and Davis were the pick of the seven. Davis made some clever stops, while Chapman was always on the alert on the forward line. Johnson played the best game of all. He made many good rushes, and it was no fault of his that the News was defeated.

For the victorious team all players were in good "form," and well "minded up" on their "feet." Mullin "bracketed" surprised the on-lookers with his marvellous stops, while Pender on the "point" was up to the "stand up" in a "clean" game. Rose was at every point, and with his "shooting stick" "locked" the "forms" that were on the "press" for a pass. W. Partington and Shaw made splendid "types" of individual rushes and were ably supported by O. Partington and Herb Morrison.

Puckering.

Oysters! Oysters!! Oysters!!!
Stevenson's cork screw rusts paralyze them all.

Owing to the manager of THE MINER not being able to play, our team was considerably weakened.

THE MINER boys are very cocky—see above.

Our Willis played Davis, but could not get that type off his feet.

Manager Hunt showed great bursts of spirit at times.

Dillingham was a power of strength on cover point.

Billy Shaw's play burnt holes in the ice.

J. B. Davis planted his feet on the ice and just snuled.

While the boys are sweeping everything in the east, we are doing the same at home.

Patience, in memory of Mr. Patrick and of Queen Victoria's command a year ago to the Irish soldiers to wear shakos.

The Doves Society will meet next week at the home of Mrs. C. E. Belyea.

Electric Light Question.

Rat Portage, Ont.,

March 21st, 1901.

To the Editor of the Miner:

Dear Sir:—In reference to this vexed question of our town purchasing the Citizens' Telephone & Electric Light Company's plant I desire to place before some of our townsmen a few comparative figures, which I think should convince the most sceptical of the desirability of purchasing, not only as an investment for the benefit of the town, but also with an eye to their own pockets.

In Fort William, where the plant is owned by the town, and which has only been in existence two years, and run by steam, making a fuel bill of over \$3,000.00, and a total revenue of less than \$10,000.00, the rate for one 16-candle power light in offices is 82 per year. Our company here in Rat Portage charges the modest sum of \$12.00 per year for exactly the same light.

All night lights of sixteen candle power in hotels, halls, stairways, or offices are 12c each per month in Fort William; Rat Portage is again modest and charges anywhere from 50c to 60c. In lining rooms, bedrooms, kitchen, etc., (16-candle power) the rates is only 25c per light per month in Fort William, whereas Rat Portage makes no reduction for lights placed in such places and stick to their rate of from 50c to 60c. But here again if you wish to burn only 8-c.p. lights, you have only to pay 15c per light per month.

For lighting private houses the following is the tariff for 16-candle power lights in Fort William:

1 to 5 lights	30c each per month
6 to 7 lights	25c " "
8 to 9 lights	25c " "
10 to 11 lights	27c " "
12, 13, 14	26c " "
15 & over	25c " "

Then, again, if you wish to burn only 8-c.p. lights, the rate is just half the above prices.

Accounts are payable quarterly with 10 per cent. off if paid the month they are due.

Now Mr. Editor last year this plant furnished lights at these figures, and provided for sinking fund, interest and all expenses, and had a deficit of only \$2.00 (two dollars and sixty cents). Need I say anything more, or leave it to all reasonable, right-minded people to say if there is any occasion for us to pay such exorbitant prices as we are doing at present. Apologizing for trespassing on your space.

Yours very truly,

B. G. FRAZER-CHRIE.

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The Company has controlled the carrying and passenger trade on Lakes Wabigoon and Manitou and all of the above boats, barges and plant were used in the business last season.

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Accountant, Rat Portage, Ont.,
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